

Hermetic Apprehensions

Then the soul mounts upwards
through the structures of the heavens.
In the first zone,
it is relieved of growth and decay.
In the second,
evil and cunning.
In the third,
lust and deceiving desire.
In the fourth,
domineering arrogance.
In the fifth,
unbalanced audacity and rashness.
In the sixth,
greed for wealth.
In the seventh,
deceit and falsehood. [1]

The first zone, the novice, is relieved of growth and decay. Through teachings and study, seeing these two changes as one - the fluxion of the causal.

The second zone, the initiate, is relieved of evil and cunning, through a confrontation with the shadow and expansion of mindfulness - an apprehension of experiential ethics, personal and aeonic.

The third zone, relieved of lust and deceiving desire. Through the confrontation of the anima and the animus - through development of the qualities of presencing, through internal and external magick of Occult means.

The fourth zone, the adept, relieved of domineering arrogance. The abstractions of the ego no longer functioning.

The fifth zone, relieved of unbalanced audacity and rashness. Wisdom and courage settled, neither is one a foolish hero nor a blind coward.

The sixth zone, relieved of the greed for wealth. Two apprehensions are brought-into: the lack of greed and the abundance of wealth - i.e. that for which one strives.

The seventh zone, relieved of deceit and falsehood. The methods serve no longer.

133 yfayen - fayen or fain, divine joy and joy of the numinous

[1] The Hermetica translated by Tim Freke et Peter Gandy